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1. The Control Commission of the Nis garrison has reportedly submitted a report dealing with the use of practical training aids by military units. The report criticized several units for failure to give practical training in various phases of military instruction. Cited examples were: gas-mask drill without gas-masks; bayonet practice without bayonets; anti-tank instructions without tanks or mock tanks; and dry-run rifle practice without rifles.
2. A report of the Nis Military District Control Commission on two-month maneuvers held by reserve officers stressed the failure of regular Army unit commanders to prepare for the influx of reserve officers and the failure of the regular units to train the reservists. The report mentioned that reserve officers had not received proper training but had been used both as aides to unit commanders and for clerical work, that proper equipment had not been issued even when it was available, and that political officers did not trust the reservists. The report further mentioned irregularities in recruiting reserve officers, such as, continuing to carry on the reserve list persons who had left the country or were not physically fit.

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